Bois Forte Cannabis Regulatory Commission Temporary License Process

A Step-by-Step Guide to Acquiring a Temporary License for a Band Cannabis Business for the receipt, storage, and monitoring of initial inventory



1. Submit Applications

If a Band-owned cannabis business wants to acquire a temporary license, it must first submit a Commission-approved business license application for the Commission to make an initial suitability determination.

If the business anticipates requiring employees to assist with the acquisition of initial inventory, it should submit Commission-approved employee applications concurrently with the business application.



2. Business Requests Inspection

The business that submitted the application to the Commission shall request in writing, that the Commission conduct a temporary license inspection.

To prepare for the inspection, the business should obtain a temporary license checklist from the Commission.



3. Commission Application Review

The Commission will review the business and employee license applications for initial suitability, and will initiate background checks on business and employee applicants. The results of the background check do not need to be completed prior to the issuance of a temporary license.



4. Inspection

The Commission will conduct an in-person inspection of the business on the mutually agreed-upon date and time to evaluate the business's security and surveillance protocols for the receipt, storage, and monitoring of initial inventory.

In preparation for the inspection, the business should focus on ensuring compliance with these areas per the Bois Forte Cannabis Regulatory Ordinance and regulations adopted by the Commission: Inventory Tracking & Control Software Installed, Security Surveillance System Installed, All Interior & Exterior doors & Electronic Key Card Systems Installed per the Application submitted.



5. Suitability Determination

The Commission will make an initial suitability determination and, if the business is deemed suitable, will issue a temporary license to the business and submit that license to the Tribal Council for final approval. If the Tribal Council approves the Commission's decision to issue a temporary license, the Commission will send the license and determination to the applicant.

Per the Bois Forte Cannabis Regulatory Ordinance, the Tribal Council must approve the temporary license before the business can purchase initial inventory.



6. Receiving a Temporary License

Upon receiving a temporary license, the business may proceed with the acquisition of initial inventory, adhering to the product guidelines and all other applicable requirements outlined in the Ordinance.

The temporary license, valid for a maximum of 30 calendar days from the date of issuance, cannot be used by the business to sell products to the general public,

as outlined in Chapter 4, Section 4.3.1.1 of the Bois Forte Cannabis Regulations.

The license exclusively authorizes the business to acquire initial inventory of commercial cannabis and does not authorize any other operations.

Please Refer Any Questions to the appointed Director of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission